Q. *In his book,* Six Crises, *Richard Nixon describes President Eisenhower as "a far more devious and complex man than most people realized . . . in the best sense of those words." What does Richard Nixon mean? Did he like Eisenhower or didn't he?—James Green, Palm Springs, Calif.*

A. It may be that Nixon admired Eisenhower more than Eisenhower admired Nixon. Eisenhower was a masterful politician who learned in the Army how to "pass the buck." He carried over into political life the illusion that he was above politics, and Nixon saw through this very early in their relationship. Nixon was not Ike's first choice to succeed him in the Presidency. Ike's first choice was Robert B. Anderson, a Texas Democrat-for-Eisenhower whom he made his Secretary of the Navy in 1953. Parade 12/17/72